(4) கவன ஈர்ப்பு.

சிறுவாணி நீர்ப் பங்கீடு சம்பந்தமாக செய்து கொள்ளப்பட்ட ஒப்பந்தம் குறித்து

THIRU N. DENNIS : Sir, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Public Works to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the agreement reached during August 1973, between the Governments of Tamil Nadu and Kerala over the sharing of Siruvani waters.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair.)

THE HON. THIRU P. U. SHANMUGAM : Sir, Coimbatore district has an average rainfall of 750 mm. only. The terrain is rocky and sloping so that the rain water rushes through the rivers and streams without having adequate time to recharge the sub-soil and underground water.

Coimbatore Town is being supplied with drinking water from Siruvani. The water supply scheme is in existence from 1931 onwards and was designed for an ultimate population of 1 lakh at 20 gallons per capita daily. The population has already exceeded 3 lakhs. The supply of water in non-summer months is 4.1 mgd. Apart from Siruvani source there are in use 79 bore wells with independent distribution system giving 0.65 mgd. of water. Thus the normal supply is 4.75 mgd.

During the summer months, the availability of water at Siruvani gets reduced very much and it feeds only one of the existing two mains. The quantity of water actually realised from Siruvani comes down to 2.4 mgd. as against 4.1 mgd. normally available in non-summer months.

To augment the supply of drinking water to the Coimbatore Municipal Town, the Government of Tamil Nadu sought the permission of the Government of Kerala to construct a new dam downstream of the existing dam at Muthukulam across the Siruvani river flowing through the State of Kerala with adequate storage capacity to supply a quantity not exceeding 1,300 m. cft. of water from the Siruvani river annually to the Coimbatore Municipal Town for drinking water supply purposes. The Chief Ministers of Kerala and Tamil Nadu met in Conference on May 10, 1969

and came to a settlement regarding the construction of a dam across Siruvani and the diversion of water for the said purpose. An agreement regarding the sharing of Siruvani waters has since been reached by the Government of Tamil Nadu and Government of Kerala on 19th August 1973.

A copy of the agreement @ entered into between the Government of Tamil Nadu and the Government of Kerala on 19th August 1973 for sharing Siruvani waters is placed on the Table of the House.

According to the agreement with the Government of Kerala, Tamil Nadu can draw a quantity of 36.6 m.cum. (1,300 m. cft.) per year to meet the drinking water requirements of Coimbatore and its surroundings. This works out to a daily supply of 104.4 million litres or 22.30 million gallons. The project is now designed to draw this quantity. All the works to be carried out in Kerala territory will be done by that Government at the cost of Tamil Nadu Government.

In pursuance of the agreement, the Chief Engineer, T.W.A.D. Board has submitted an outline proposal for "Combined Water Supply Augmentation Project with Siruvani as source" estimated to cost sR. 1,021.00 lakhsf for installation (Rs. 379.00 lakhs for works in Kerala territory and Rs. 642.00 lakhs for works in Tamil Nadu territory) and 9.00 lakhs for annual maintenance. This is under consideration of Government.

Apart from Coimbatore, other areas proposed for inclusion in Greater Coimbatore are—

1. Uppilipalayam.
2. Ganapathy.
3. Singanallur.
4. Peelamedu.
5. Sowripalayam.
6. Kuniamuthur.

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7. Telungupalayam.
8. Kurichi.
9. Sanganur (part).
10. Kavandampalayam.
11. Krishnarayapuram.
12. Ramanathapuram.
13. Puliakulam.
14. Anupparapalayam.
15. Sundakamuthur.
16. Attupalayam.

Some of the villages lying *en route*, such as (1) Thopilipalayam. (2) Alandurai, (3) Puluvapatty, (4) Madampatty, (5) Kallampalayam, (6) Patchapalayam, (7) Chettipalayam, (8) Perur and (9) Telengupalayam have no other source of supply of drinking water nor the financial capacity to have an independent ater supply of their own. While designing the water supply scheme for Greater Coimbatore with Siruvani as source, the requirements of Coimbatore Town, other towns to be included in Greater Coimbatore and wayside villages lying *en route* have therefore been taken into account.

After the conclusion of Siruvani agreement, Government of Tamil Nadu have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 10.00 lakhs for payment to the Government of Kerala to meet the cost of preliminary works on the project and a sum of Rs. 15.00 lakhs towards contribution for the formation of the road from Tachampara to the dam site in Kerala territory.

(5) அறிக்கை அளித்தல்.

குடிமைப்பொருள் வழங்குதுறை (முதற்பகுதி) மீதான மதிப்பீட்டுக் குழுவின் அறிக்கை.

மாண்புமிகு பேரவைத் துணைத் தலைவர் : மதிப்பீட்டுக் குழுவின் தலைவர் திரு. வி. கிருஷ்ணமூர்த்தி அவர்கள், 'குடிமைப் பொருள் வழங்குதுறை' பற்றிய அறிக்கையை அவைக்கு அளிப்பார்கள்.

THIRU V. KRISHNAMOORTHI (Nellikuppam) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I rise to present the Report of the Estimates Committee on Civil Supplies (Part I).